

REMARKS

Claims 7-12 are currently pending. In the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 7-12 under 35 § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner withdrew the previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Applicants' timely traversal and argument.

The claims were rejected as indefinite based on the inclusion of the phrase "balance consisting of" in claim 7. During the interview of April 7, 2006, the Examiner indicated that amendment of claim 7 as submitted in this paper would resolve the rejection of the claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 to resolve the rejection based on the claim language. In light of amendment to claim 8 and because claims 9-12 depend from claim 7, Applicants earnestly believe that the claims in their current form are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully seek a notice of allowance of claims 7-12. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any unanticipated fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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